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Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
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Dear Alan:

Subj: BBC Standard Definitions

Enclosed are two copies of the Standard Definitions issued recently by the BBC to its monitors, which we referred to in our Progress Report for November 1955.

This list represents, I think, considerable progress in the standardization of BBC monitoring procedures according to FBIS standards and requirements, particularly 4) Summary - which is now a FBIS style summary rather than a monitor's report, which often was an impression, and 10) Note Taking - which is a step in the right direction toward the FBIS Monitor's Summary.

There still is much to be done of course--perhaps another year of the patient, painstaking, and persistent effort which has been performed during the past 18 months so wisely and tactfully by Weiss and Weir. Especially important is the fact that the improvement has been accomplished while retaining the goodwill and gaining an increased respect of the BBC staff at all levels. At the same time, the BBC staff has acquired a much better understanding of FBIS operations, problems, and requirements.

It is expected another meeting of the Standardization Committee will be held early in 1956.

Sincerely,

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Attach.

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